

MARCH 28, 2006

**CITY OF GUNNISON COUNCIL
REGULAR SESSION MINUTES**

7:00 P.M.

Following a short Work Session, the Regular Session was called to order at 7:00 P.M., by Mayor Ferguson with City Councilors Medina, Harriman, Miller, and Nesbitt present along with City Manager Coleman, City Clerk Davidson, Parks & Recreation Director Ampietro, Finance Director Hanson, several interested citizens and the press. City Attorney Landwehr was out of town.

Consideration of Minutes:

Regular Session Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2006.

Councilor Miller moved and Councilor Medina seconded the motion to approve the Regular Session minutes of March 14, 2006, as submitted and to note the meeting adjourned at 7:29 P.M.

Roll call vote, yes: Medina, Harriman, Ferguson, Miller. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Roll call vote, abstain: Nesbitt.

Pre-Scheduled Citizens:

Gunnison-Crested Butte Tourism Association Update – Jane Chaney and Rob

Strickland. Jane Chaney, Rob Strickland, Boardmembers Mark Schumacher and Joellen Fonken came forward. Items discussed or presented included: the Tourism Association (TA) Executive Summary; graphs of the TA budget; 2006 year-to-date and 2005 sales tax figures; website traffic; call volume; the 2005 annual report; and the projected projects for 2006. Discussion ensued on the following: the wedding promotions; the TA website promotions/sweepstakes program; interaction with the new Events Coordinator; the “We’re Glad You’re Here” promotion; and the new board members, Stephen Perotti, and Joellen Fonken.

Unfinished Business: None.

New Business:

Action on Changes in City Employee Personnel Manual, Re: Part-Time Employees

Benefits. This item was discussed at the Work Session prior to the Regular Session. Council requested a definition of how average weekly hours are to be determined be added to the benefit language. Staff will make the addition.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Miller seconded the motion to approve the changes to the City Employee Personnel Manual regarding Part-Time Employees Benefits, with the additions requested by Council this evening.

Roll call vote, yes: Harriman, Ferguson, Miller, Nesbitt, Medina. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

Ordinance and Resolutions:

Ordinance No. 4, Series 2006, Re: Adopting an Additional Appropriation for the Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 2006, 2nd Reading.

Councilor Nesbitt introduced Ordinance No. 4, Series 2006, and it was read in its entirety by the Mayor.

Councilor Nesbitt moved and Councilor Medina seconded the motion that Ordinance No. 4, Series 2006, **AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GUNNISON, COLORADO, ADOPTING AN ADDITIONAL APPROPRIATION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006**, be introduced, read, passed and adopted on second and final reading this 28th day of March, 2006.

Roll call vote, yes: Ferguson, Miller, Nesbitt, Medina, Harriman. So carried.

Roll call vote, no: None.

City Attorney: Rod Landwehr: Out of town.

City Manager: Ken Coleman. Asked if any Councilmember would be available to attend an Arts Center survey meeting on Thursday morning to give general input from the City’s perspective on the Arts Center’s programs and services. Councilor Harriman stated she would attend. The City Manager informed Council that the Mayor and he received a letter from the Department of Local Affairs awarding the City \$400,000 in Energy Impact Assistance Grant

Funds for the Rio Grande Infrastructure Improvements Project. Staff will give a project update to Council at the next work session meeting.

Acting City Manager: Parks & Recreation Director Dan Ampietro - P & R Departmental Report. Director Ampietro reviewed the departmental report placed in Council's packets. He highlighted the following: the new full-time employees are working out well; there are now 1068 community center memberships and participation is good; this was the longest season for ice at the rinks; there were 258 hockey contests on the two rinks this year; there is a breakdown of the economic impacts of the hockey tournaments in their packets; and Cranor Hill had a good ski season. Council thanked Director Ampietro.

City Clerk: Gail Davidson. Nothing to report.

Non-Scheduled Citizens: Butch Clark came forward and discussed the following: thanked City Planner Antonucci for hosting the excellent SmartGrowth workshop two weeks ago; stressed the need for coordinated planning with the County on development occurring north of the City; and suggested streamside restoration projects as a means of drawing more people to the community. Council thanked Mr. Clark.

General Discussion/Items for Work Session:

Councilor Harriman: Report on SmartGrowth Workshop. Reported 40 people attended in the morning and 20 in the afternoon. Erik Bergdorf made the presentation that deals with traditional neighborhood development practices. There are enormous benefits to the community. **Report on Detention Center Committee Meeting.** The committee decided to focus on the County Courthouse site for the detention facility and will proceed from there. The next meeting is this Friday. **Report on Master Plan Steering Committee Meeting.** The Steering Committee met and worked on open space and recreation issues. They have several draft chapters completed. **Report on Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting.** The Commission is working on the Master Plan and will be meeting tomorrow evening at 6:00 P.M. with the Master Plan Steering Committee and the County Planning Commissioners to discuss land use issues in the Three Mile Plan area. Council is invited to attend. Councilor Harriman also brought to Council's attention an article in the Rocky Mountain News concerning potential future water diversion projects from the Gunnison Basin to the front range.

Mayor Ferguson: Report on Economic Development Meeting in Mt. Crested Butte with Valley Governmental Entities. Mayor Ferguson and City Manager Coleman are encouraged by the discussions and consensus of all of the entities. They are focusing on attainable housing, telecommunications and ground transportation issues. An affordable/attainable housing ordinance was suggested for the City of Gunnison and partnerships between the entities were discussed to provide this type of housing. The monthly Mayors'/Managers' meetings will now be run with an agenda and the impact of a large number of construction workers coming into the valley this summer will be discussed in April.

Councilor Medina: Reported the school district will be releasing figures next week on the 2006-2007 enrollment projections. They anticipate being down 20 students from this year's enrollment.

Councilor Miller: Nothing further to report.

Councilor Nesbitt: Informed Council there will be an opening on the Upper Gunnison River Water Conservancy District Board in May if they or anyone they know is interested in serving. Prior water knowledge is not required.

Adjournment: At 8:01 P.M.

Mayor

City Clerk